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PRESS RELEASE
APPOINTMENT OF SETTLEMENT COUNSEL FOR
CIVIL APPEALS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CAMP)

BOSTON (February 6, 2009) — The First Circuit Court of Appeals announced today that The Honorable Patrick King has accepted the position of Settlement Counsel in Boston for the Court's Civil Appeals Management Program. That Program provides parties with the opportunity to resolve their case voluntarily before incurring the costs of preparing briefs on appeal and without incurring the costs of private mediation services. The Court also has Settlement Counsel, Judge Charles Cordero in San Juan.

Judge King is particularly well suited to assist the parties in reaching such voluntary resolutions. For the last six years he has been very successful as a mediator and arbitrator with a national private dispute resolution firm. From 1989 to 2003 he was an Associate Justice in the Massachusetts Superior Court, following twelve years of judicial service on the Housing Court. Before he became a judge, he was a litigator at the Boston firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, a managing attorney in the Boston Legal Assistance Project, and an attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Both as an attorney and as a mediator he has handled numerous complex federal litigations. He has been recognized with several judicial excellence awards.

The selection of Judge King came after a comprehensive, nationwide search, resulting in the receipt of several hundred resumes. A committee, including three judges of the court,

evaluated the resumes and interviewed a number of highly qualified candidates. The committee made a unanimous recommendation to the First Circuit Court of Appeals, which endorsed the selection. Upon the announcement of his selection, Chief Judge Lynch stated that "Judge King has a stellar reputation and is a successful and experienced mediator. I am confident he will contribute a great deal to the CAMP program. We anticipate that Judge King's experience will allow us to make the program even more valuable to the bar and its clients. We are also grateful to the many well-qualified candidates who applied."

Judge King will replace the Honorable Neil J. Lynch who has served as Settlement Counsel since his retirement as Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 2000. Justice Lynch is held in great esteem by the members of the First Circuit Court of Appeals and the bar of the First Circuit. On behalf of the Court, Chief Judge Sandra Lynch expressed her gratitude to Justice Lynch for his contribution to the work of the Court.

Since the establishment of the Court of Appeals program, settlement counsel who have served in the position are Justice Hennesey, Alice Daniel, Justice Joseph Nolan, Donald Hawbaker, and Justice Neil Lynch.

The Court of Appeals welcomes any comments and suggestions that practitioners may have regarding its settlement program. Please submit any comments to Susan Goldberg, Deputy Circuit Executive, John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02210 or Susan_Goldberg@ca1.uscourts.gov.